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SUBJECT: GENERAL MOTORS INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM G.H. MINOR, PROJECT DIRECTOR, GENERAL MOTORS OVERSEAS OPERATIONS, ASKING ADVICE ON WHETHER TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE AL-AWADI AT PRESENT IN REGARD TO THEIR ASSEMBLY PLANT PROPOSAL. FEEL THAT SUCH AN APPROACH SHOULD BE DEFERRED FOR THE TIME. NO POINT AT THIS TIME IN GIVING SAUDIS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS DISPLEASURE. WILL ADVISE FURTHER AFTER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT, WHEN PICTURE SHOUDL HOPEFULLY BE CLEARER.

2. FYI, GREEN CONSTRUCTION CO., A U.S. FIRM WHICH HAS BEEN SEEKING ROAD CONTRACTS HERE FOR THE PAST YEAR, HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT THEY HAVE HEARD FROM THEIR AGENT THAT GREEN HAD RECENTLY BEEN AWARDED THEIR FIRST CONTRACT, BUT THAT AWARD HAS BEEN SUSPENDED PENDING IMPROVEMENT IN SAUDI-U.S. RELATIONS. INFORMANT ALSO SAID THAT SUSPENSION WOULD PROBABLY BE LIFTED QUOTE IN A WEEK OR SO UNQUOTE. (WE THINK AGENT MAY BE WHISTLING IN WIND.)

3. PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO MINOR, 767 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, PHONE (212) 486-3444.
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